

## Preparation of acid formates and their use

## Abstract

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A process for preparing acid formates which comprises

(a) partially hydrolyzing methyl formates with water;

10 (b) separating off by distillation methyl formate and methanol from the reaction mixture obtained in process stage (a), forming a stream comprising formic acid and water; and

(c) combining the stream comprising formic acid and water from  
15 the process stage (b) and the corresponding formate, forming a mixture comprising the acid formate and water,

an apparatus for their preparation and their use.

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